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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRO-PRC PRESS ON TAIWAN

SUMMARY: WITH THE SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO PEKING IN MIND, A LOCAL PRO-PRC PAPER TELLS THE U.S. TO WORRY ABOUT ITS "MORAL DEBT" TO 800 MILLION CHINESE RATHER THAN ITS "MORAL OBLIGATION" TO 16 MILLION PEOPLE IN TAIWAN. END SUMMARY.

1. A HARD-HITTING AUGUST 10 "NEW EVENING POST" COMMENTARY, ADDRESSED DIRECTLY TO THE U.S., SAYS SINCE IT WAS THE USG WHICH CAUSED THE DISPUTE (OVER TAIWAN), THE USG IS THE ONE TO RESOLVE IT. "HOW IT IS RESOLVED IS YOUR OWN MATTER. PEKING CAN ONLY SAY: YOU MUST DO IT*" THE PAPER ADDS THAT THE DEFENSE TREATY WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ABROGATED ONCE RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN ARE BROKEN, BUT THAT THE U.S. WORRIES ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH OTHER MATTERS

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THEREAFTER, SUCH AS "RUBBISH LIKE 'MORAL OBLIGATION'." IF THE U.S. WANTS TO TALK OF MORALITY, "WHAT ABOUT THE HEAVY MORAL DEBT OWED 800 MILLION CHINESE FOR 27 YEARS OF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN TAIWAN?" THE COMMENTARY CITES THE RECENT PUBLIC OPINION POLL SHOWING THAT OVER 60 PER CENT OF THE AMERICANS "ARE FOR NORMALIZATION", BUT ADDS THAT SOME STILL CONSTANTLY

TALK ABOUT TAIWAN'S 16 MILLION PEOPLE. "THESE (AMERICAN) PEOPLE KNOW THESE 16 MILLION ARE ALL CHINESE, NOT AMERICANS. WHAT RIGHT DO YOU (AMERICA) HAVE TO INTERFERE IN THIS MATTER?" THE PAPER CONCLUDES THAT THE LONGER THE "INTERFERENCE", THE GREATER THE "DEBT" AND THAT "MORALITY CAN ONLY BE REACHED BY AN EARLY END TO INTERVENTION IN TAIWAN, NOT BY MORE TALK."

2. COMMENT: THIS FORCEFUL ATTACK ON VARIOUS U.S. CONCERNS OVER TAIWAN SEEMS TO GO BEYOND PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENTARIES. IT IS PROBABLE THAT MORE ARTICLES OF SIMILAR NATURE WILL BE FORTHCOMING DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AS CHINA PREPARES FOR SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT.
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